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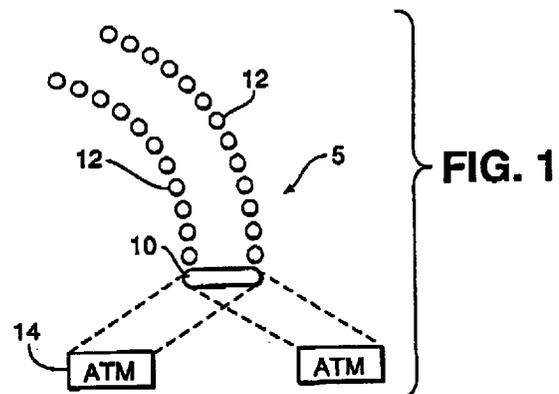
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(54) **Personnel guidance and location control system**

(57) A personnel waiting guidance and control system for controlling and guiding a group of individuals in a selected path to a waiting point (10) and then to an activity (14) in advance of that waiting point (10), as for example, a group of individuals waiting in a line to use a bank automated teller machine (14). The personnel waiting guidance and control system comprises an elongate member (10) defining a waiting position for a head of a line of people waiting to use the activity such as the automated teller machine (14). A group of individual discrete small elements (12) such as circular elements, ovals, or the like, are located and extend from the ends of the elongate member (10) to define a path for the group of individuals waiting for the selected activity. A fastening means is associated with the elongate member (10) and with the discrete small individual members (12) for securing each of these members to a ground surface.



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